

## M. E. Marcuse students hold reunion

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On Saturday over 400 students from 1930 through 1964, the first and last graduating classes of the former M. E. Marcuse High School in Big Island, attended a reunion. It really didn't matter which reunion, the whole idea was for students whose paths had not crossed in years, would walk into the red brick schoolhouse and immediately become best friends with their pasts.

Big Island is now known as Big Island Elementary School, located in the northern part of Bedford County.

The former graduates roamed about making known their pleasures of greetings, seeing old annuals and other memorabilia, in the old gymnasium, where they were displayed.

Mrs. Dot Reynolds Saari, a 1955 graduate, now of Jasper, Texas, was inspired to put the reunion into being two years ago when she attended her husband's 50th anniversary celebration at his home in Minnesota. Plans included a cocktail and dinner party at the Radisson Hotel in Lynchburg, Saturday night.

Del. Lacey E. Putney, Bedford, a graduate of class 1946, was the guest speaker.

Teachers present were Margaret Parks, Gwendolyn Page, Verna Sowell, Willis P. Oglesby, Brent Braswell, Mrs. J. R. Eberhardt, Mrs. L. R. Freeman, (librarian), and Lorene Walker.

Charles I. Casto, class of 1955, had the invocation, and Tony Ware, class of 1964, the recognition of classes.

Mrs. Sharon Dodson is principal of Big Island Elementary School.

Local talent furnished the music.

### Outdoor Drama

On August 16 the senior adults go to Radford to see the outdoor drama, "The Long Way Home." The group will spend the night in Christiansburg at Day's Inn and return home on the following day.